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## Seven Battle in Mt. Vernon Mayoral Race

By Patrick Maitland  
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A crowded field of seven seasoned Mount Vernon Democratic mayoral candidates, including incumbent Mayor Ernie D. Davis, 77, and former Mayor Clinton Young, 55, are in a fierce battle to win the nomination in the city's Sept. 10 mayoral primary.

The other Democratic mayoral candidates are: State Sen. Ruth Hassell-Thompson, 71, City Councilwoman Deborah Reynolds, 49, City Comptroller Maureen Walker, 61, former School Board Trustee Marc Stuckey, 56, and City Councilman Richard Thomas, 32.

They are expected to square off against Republican and independent candidates.

Mayor Davis, a former Westchester County legislator, first took over as Mount Vernon mayor in 1996 and served three consecutive four-year terms until he was defeated by then-county Legislator Young in 2007. Davis was re-elected 2011, beating out opponents that included including Comptroller Walker, Councilman Edwards, and Peter Sherril. Davis' current term expires at the end of this year.

Davis announced his bid for another term just months after he pled guilty to tax evasion charges and was sentenced to probation and fined.

Declaring that he wanted to "continue to serve the people and create progress for our commu-

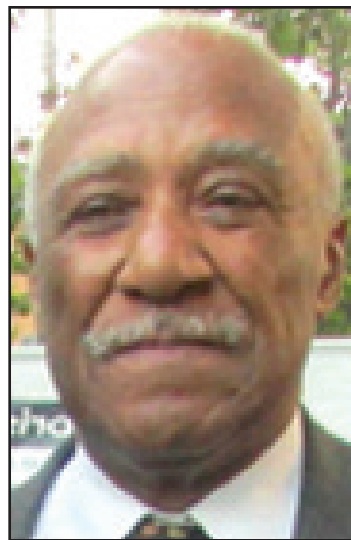
nity," Davis also pledged that his re-election campaign would focus on job creation, economic development and crime reduction to make Mount Vernon a viable destination for the young and old alike.

Former Mayor Young is looking to oust Davis, whom he pushed out of office in 2007 before Davis regained the office in the 2011 rematch. Young said that his opponents need to answer to voters what they have done to improve the city.

"The field is very crowded and that's a good thing for Mount Vernon," Young said. "This is not a popularity contest. In this campaign, we will have to deal with the true issues...everyone has to put their record on the line."

In the city's November 2013 elections, Walker ran unopposed and was re-elected comptroller. She is currently serving her fifth four-year term. With some 23 years as the city's chief financial officer, Walker said she is banking on her experiences, strong leadership, integrity and her people's skills.

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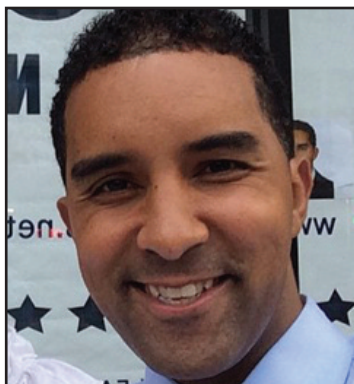
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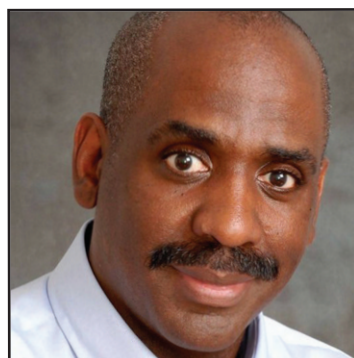
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# EDITORIAL

## We defend marriage as the union between a man and a woman

Since June 26, 2015, the United States has joined some 18 other countries, including Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Uruguay, to legally recognize same-sex marriage.

As Christians, we recognize marriage as the union between a man and a woman.

The union is based more on our religious and cultural beliefs.

As our society continues to evolve with the implementations of laws and regulations, marriage has become one of the most popular and most legally recognized unions supported by society's institutions.

As noted by analysts, people's financial, psychological and physical wellbeing are enhanced by marriage and children especially benefit from being raised by two parents within a legally recognized union. Despite the interpersonal relationship challenges with traditional married couples, American laws provide adequate benefits to compensate for the headaches.

In addition, society demands that certain people get married and quietly berate people who remain unmarried.

While several opinion polls show rising support for legally recognized same-sex marriage in the Americas, there were perhaps an equal number of people who are strongly opposed to same-sex couples getting married.



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Nonetheless, Americans are tolerant of the gay lifestyle but would prefer them not getting married.

However, it would have been a matter of time before the High Court observe that singling out gay men and women as ineligible for marriage both stigmatizes and invites public discrimination against them.

However, this will not be the end of marriage as the American constitution provides equal opportunities and freedom of expression for every citizen.

Therefore, as Christians we will continue to defend marriage as the union between a man and a woman.

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## People Are Talking...!

## The link between Entrepreneurship and Leadership

The link between entrepreneurship and leadership is potent. If you want to be a good and successful entrepreneur, you must grasp leadership.

Leadership involves many components, such as communication, critical thinking, and passion, that are necessary in business ownership. It is a small percentage of leaders that will retain customers if they don't exhibit good leadership qualities, leadership skills, and leadership style.

A revealed in a case study, during the housing boom, many inspired entrepreneurs invested in the real estate market.

Many entrepreneurs invested their life savings with the hope of making a profit. The talk around town was that you could not lose with real estate.

Individuals with low income stated that they were not worried about getting financing. These individuals bought more than two houses.

In order for homeowners to afford these additional houses, they borrowed money from the bank using their first homes as equity.



**Dr Neva Alexander SPEAKS**

Instead of using the home equity as recommended, which is usually to renovate their homes, they bought more houses and cars and opened businesses.

I was one of those individuals who took a home equity loan on my house to start a business. I took two home equity lines of credit out on one house. I was so anxious to be her own boss that I never thought about the negative effects.

I applied to three banks for a line of credit. I thought that whichever bank loan was approved, I would accept the loan from that bank institution.

With the money that the bank loaned me, I bought a franchise. However, the business was not successful and failed.

Now, years later, I am still paying off the loans. I would have never thought that after 3 months as a franchise business owner I would be out of business.

You may ask yourself, why include entrepreneurship in a leadership training program. Well, to be a successful entrepreneur I now know you need good leadership skills.

As such, education, effective planning, and leadership skills can aid in a successful entrepreneurship operation.



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# NEWS

## Woman Found Dead in The Bronx

Police are looking for a man wanted in connection with the killing of a woman in the Bronx.

Authorities say 50-year old Darryl Gibbs is a suspect in the death of 53-year-old Wanda Martin. They say Gibbs was in some sort of relationship with her.

Investigators say they found Martin inside of an apartment at 303 East 135th Street. She had been stabbed in the back repeatedly and had blunt trauma to her head.

One of her friends said she's devastated by the news.

"That was my friend. That was my son's godmother. She was like a sister to me," the friend said. "I don't know what else. Like, we took trips together. My son and daughter, anything, she took my son places. She was the best. Nobody would ever hurt her."

Police say Gibbs was last seen wearing a dark-colored sweatshirt.

He is approximately 6 feet, 1 inch tall and weighs approximately 270 pounds.

Anyone with information on the case should contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-577-TIPS, or text CRIMES and then enter TIP577, or visit [www.nypdcrimestoppers.com](http://www.nypdcrimestoppers.com).

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Councilwoman Reynolds, whose current term on the council is up this year, said she is running as an independent voice to slow the city's out-of-control taxes and to improve quality of life. She said her clashes with Davis and other members of the council motivated her to run. "It's time for someone to step up," she said. "We do have some differences."

Councilman Thomas has been in office since 2012 and is also a vocal critic of Davis. Thomas called for Davis to resign when the mayor faced federal tax evasion charges.

Thomas, the youngest of the seven candidates, said that he is different from his rivals because of his perspective as a member of the millennial generation. He said creating a city that is conducive to the millennial, who now make up the majority of the U.S. workforce, could revitalize the city's housing market and bring in businesses, including high tech companies to Mount Vernon.

They're going to skip over Mount Vernon so long as we don't offer anything to meet their needs," he said.

Stuckey recently announced his candidacy for mayor on his Facebook page, noting, "It's not I who can make the change, it's we the people. It's not I who can fix the issues of Mount Vernon, it's we the people. I ask for your support as I seek to be mayor of Mount Vernon."

According to the 2010 United States Census, a little more than 67,000 people reside in Mount Vernon. This includes 27,048 households and 18,432 families. The racial makeup of the city includes 59.58 percent African Americans, 28.63 White and 10.48 percent Hispanic or Latino.



### THE PRESIDENT RAPS WITH THE LADIES OF CO-OP CITY

Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. partied with hundreds of seniors in Co-op City during the 2015 Bronx Week "Oldies & Goodies" Senior Dance and Luncheon recently held in Co-op City, Bronx.

## Fish Dealer Plead Guilty to Fraud

Lou's Fish Market Inc., a federally-licensed fish dealer located in the Bronx, and its company president, Mark Parente, of Englishtown, NJ, pleaded guilty July 7 in federal court in Central Islip, New York, to federal felonies stemming from their role in systematically covering up purchases of illegal fluke (summer flounder), scup and black sea bass that were being harvested in violation of the federal Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program, the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division announced.

Parente pleaded guilty to two counts of wire fraud, one count of aiding and abetting mail fraud and one count of falsification of federal records for fraud schemes that ran from May through December 2011. Parente's schemes involved two Long Island trawlers, one based in southern Nassau County and another in northern Suffolk County.

The trawlers utilized the RSA Program as a mask for unlawful quota overages. In order to conceal the fishermen's illicit catch, Parente directed unwitting company personnel to prepare and file at least 78 false dealer reports to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which omitted or misidentified approximately 203,000 pounds of fluke, 50,000 pounds of scup and 12,000 pounds of black Sea Bass. The wholesale value of the fish was stipulated as \$481,000.

Lou's Fish Market Inc. pleaded guilty to the falsification of federal records charge as well as one count of Lacey Act False Labeling for the knowing use of false documents in connection with approximately 70,000 pounds of fluke that was shipped to interstate customers.

As part of the plea deal, the two defendants agreed to pay \$932,000 in combined fines and restitution. The defendants also agreed to make a \$110,000 community service payment for the enhancement of sea grass and fluke habitat around Long Island. The jointly proposed sentence includes a ban on Parente from holding a federal dealer license, accessing NOAA's SAFIS computer system, participating in the RSA program, or being in a position to direct others to complete dealer reports. Lou's Fish Market also agreed to increased recordkeeping and auditing requirements.

The court will hear sentencing recommendations regarding non-agreed terms at a hearing set for Dec. 3, 2015. "The Department will continue to vigorously prosecute those who jeopardize our nation's fisheries by providing a market for illegally caught fish," said Assistant Attorney General John C. Cruden. "In this case, the crime is all the more aggravated because the participants took advantage of a federal program designed to

study fish populations and enable law-abiding fishermen to increase their catch."

"Protecting our nation's honest fishermen is, and will always be, a top priority for NOAA. Egregious acts that undermine the sustainable management of our fisheries resources and steal from those in the industry who follow the rules will not be tolerated," said Eileen Sobeck, Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries.

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## NEWS

## Women charged with operating marijuana farm

QUEENS:

Cambria Heights residents Larraysha Conklin, 28, and Julene Mercano, 50, both of 117-17 219th Street in the Cambria Heights section of Queens on July 2 charged with growing scores of marijuana or pot plants on the second-floor of their residence using more than \$64,000 worth of electricity stolen from Con Edison.

Conklin and Mercano are presently awaiting arraignment in Queens Criminal Court on a criminal complaint charging them with second-degree grand larceny, first-degree criminal possession of marihuana and theft of service. If convicted, they each face up to fifteen years in prison.

According to the charges, police from the NYPD's 105th Precinct executed a court-authorized search warrant at the defendants' residence at approximately 7:20 a.m. on July 1, 2015. Once inside, they allegedly observed Conklin and Mercano in the living room.

It is alleged that in ascending to the second floor, police discovered that the floor was divided into a west room, an east room and a common area. From the west room, police allegedly recovered twenty marijuana plants, all of which were approximately five feet high. From the east room, police allegedly recovered twenty-one marijuana plants, all of which were approximately five feet high.

It is also alleged that police observed multiple transformers and that a Con Ed representative observed multiple lines that were being used to manipulate the service boxes to the location.

## Former Con Edison Employee Gets 10 Yrs

*Impersonating a Police Officer and Sexually Attacking Prostitute*

BROOKLYN:

A 35-year-old former Con Edison employee was sentenced to 10 years in prison following his conviction last month for forcing a woman to engage in sexual activity in 2012 by impersonating a police officer and threatening her with an arrest if she did not comply.

Warren Taylor, 35, of Bushkill, PA. was sentenced July 9 by Brooklyn Supreme Court Justice Alan D. Marrus to 10 years in prison followed by 10 years of post-release supervision and sex offender registration. The defendant was convicted of first-degree criminal sexual act and first-degree criminal impersonation following a jury trial.

According to trial testimony, the defendant approached the victim—who worked as a prostitute—on Vermont Street in East New York, Brooklyn on January 5, 2012. The victim entered the defendant's car where the defendant falsely stated that he was a police officer and drove her to a nearby location.

The defendant then ordered the victim out the car where he handcuffed and frisked her. Once back in the car, the defendant forced the victim to engage in a sex act by telling her she would be arrested if she did not. The defendant used his Con Edison-issued handheld radio, according to court documents, to trick his victim into believing he was a cop.

# Guyanese accuses Carnival Association of Discrimination

By Kimmy Blair  
Street Hype Writer

Members of the Caribbean Guyana Institute for Democracy (CGID) have expressed concern about discrimination and anti-Guyanese sentiments expressed by the West Indian Day Carnival Association (WIADCA), organizers of the Labor Day Parade in Brooklyn.

According to a press release from CGID President, Rickford Burke, a Guyanese, WIADCA's board of directors is almost exclusively Trinidadian. The association has long been perceived as closed to non-Trinidadians.

"They openly express anti-Guyanese prejudices and opposition to non-Trinidadians joining the organization," said Burke, adding that they have expressed fears that "outsiders will come in and takeover."

Some members of the association's board allegedly made the discriminatory statements after a Guyanese applied for membership. WIADCA subsequently wrote advising the applicant that board members are prohibited from disclosing internal discussions during the consideration of the application.

Street Hype was unable to reach Thomas Bailey, president of WIADCA, however in a letter dated March 11, 2015, Bailey rejected Burke's application for membership noted that "after carefully reviewed all materials you provided in connection with your application; we regret to inform you that your application for membership did not receive the minimum number of directors votes that are necessary in order to be accepted into the WIADCA membership at this time."

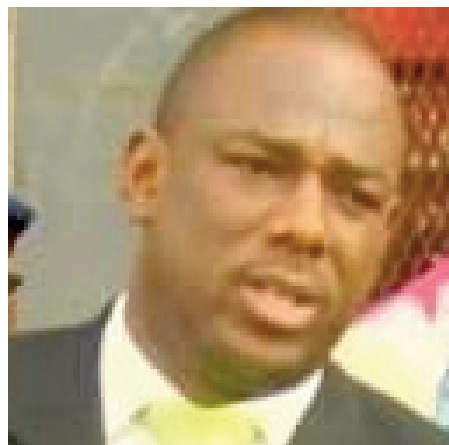
Bailey also explained that "given the confidential nature of board discussions regarding membership applications, no director is permitted to discuss the proceedings relating to your application for membership."

CGID in a July 8 statement blasted the prohibition, saying, it "demonstrates a lack of transparency. It is also an acknowledgment that the secret process for the consideration of the application cannot withstand scrutiny. It is preposterous for an organization whose existence depends on public funding and support to harbor board members with the segregationist views alleged."

The Institute said WIADCA bears full responsibility for the perpetuation of discrimination in its name. It contended that the association's insularity and divisive shenanigans have fractured the fabric of the Caribbean-American community. CGID, a rights and advocacy outfit, posited that other nationalities have also complained about being sidelined and of prejudicial treatment from WIADCA.

WIADCA receives funding from corporations, elected officials and government agencies that sponsor the association's Labor Day parade each year. "Their alleged discrimination on the basis of national origin, therefore, presents a serious liability for sponsors," Burke noted.

"The issuance of permits for WIADCA's Labor day Parade is pursuant to statutes that prohibit discrimination. Consequently, CGID intends to engage WIADCA's sponsors, including City and State officials, on this matter. They risk being perceived as complicit with the association's insularity if they fail to ad-



Rickford Burke  
CGID President



Thomas Bailey  
WIADCA President

vocate for institutional reforms and denounce inherent prejudices," Burke said.

Burke said that it is ironic that WIADCA profits tremendously from non-Trinidadians. "They want our money and participation in revenue generating activities. Yet they advocate that we are unworthy of membership. This reality will force non-Trinidadians to reassess their financial and other support for WIADCA," Burke asserted.

He observed that hostility towards Guyanese specifically, and non-Trinidadians generally, must be strongly condemned and vigorously challenged.

Contending that the Guyanese community in the New York metropolitan area is over 230,000 strong, Burke stressed, "Guyanese do not need WIADCA. To the contrary, WIADCA needs Guyanese!"

He said the Guyanese community is contemplating staging its own "Unity Parade," in a carnival-like atmosphere, annually. The Guyana Unity parade was launched on June 14, 2015 with a massive march and rally on Church Avenue, Brooklyn, which attracted over 12,000 Guyanese-Americans.

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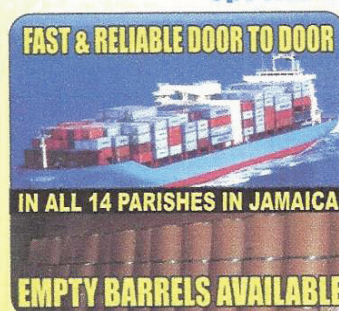
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade announces that Stephen Vasciannie, Ambassador of Jamaica to the United States of America (USA) and Permanent Representative to the Organisation of American States (OAS), will demit office at the end of his three-year contract on 17th July, 2015.

Ambassador Vasciannie has opted to return to academic life at the university level.

Prime Minister the Most Honourable Portia Simpson Miller has commended Ambassador Vasciannie for his outstanding service to Jamaica: “On behalf of the government, I wish to thank you for representing and promoting Jamaica’s interests at the highest level as Jamaica’s diplomatic envoy in Washington over the past three years.

Under your able and shrewd stewardship, several diplomatic initiatives have been undertaken to enhance and strengthen relations between Jamaica and the United States of America. You served with distinction as Chairman of the OAS Permanent Council of Ambassadors and gained the respect and admiration of your hemispheric colleagues for your scholarly stewardship and measured approach.

You positioned Jamaica judiciously on a number of sensitive international political issues and have upheld Jamaica's positions of principle, including on occasions when some of Jamaica's most important bilateral partners were polarised.

The CARICOM Caucus in Washington D.C. and indeed the wider membership of the OAS have relied on your competence in matters of international law and practice and this has allowed Jamaica to play a leading role in the hemispheric institution on matters of governance, human rights and international political law. This culminated in your recent election to chair the Inter-American Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs.



**Stephen Vasciannie**  
**Ambassador of Jamaica**

underlining the esteem that Jamaica has enjoyed in the OAS under your leadership.

On the bilateral front, you have paid special attention to the area of security co-operation, engaging actively with the US State Department and Congress on matters relating to trafficking in persons, deportation, and the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative. You have also served with distinction as CARICOM lead spokesperson on trade issues and hosted events to promote enhanced trade and investment between Jamaica and the USA.”

Senator the Honourable Arnold J. Nicholson, QC, Minister of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade also has high commendation for Ambassador Vasciannie's tenure as Head of Mission in Washington DC. "Jamaica thanks you for your sterling and dedicated service as Ambassador of Jamaica to the US. We know that you approached this mission with the zeal, dedication and studious attention to detail for which you are well known. We wish you continued success

## Caribbean Airlines to upgrade Passenger Service System

Caribbean Airlines (CAL) has selected international IT group AMADEUS as the provider to upgrade its Passenger Service System.

The airline is promising that the combined reservations, airport check-in, ticketing, inventory management system and e-Commerce will usher in a new era for

CAL and its customers, as part of its "customer-centric" strategy.

By unifying the systems, every customer touch point will be consolidated with the ability to provide comprehensive real-time information, at a lower cost to the airline than its existing system.

## EU imposes anti-dumping duties on Rusal

KINGSTON:

UC Rusal, which has mining operations in Jamaica, is facing anti-dumping duties on aluminium foil it manufactures, after an initial investigation showed the product was sold in the 28-nation European Union at below normal market prices.

The EU's Official Journal reported on the weekend that a provisional anti-dumping duty of 12.2% would be levied on imports of Russian aluminium foil, which is made exclusively by Rusal, the world's largest aluminium producer.

The provisional duties will be for six months. By that time the EU's Executive Commission will have completed its investigation, which may result in the imposition of definitive duties, normally lasting five years.

Rusal, which has three bauxite-alumina plants in Jamaica - Kirkvine, Alpart and Ewarton - has said it will continue to work with the European Commission. It said it hoped the duties will ultimately be decreased or canceled.

# Panama selling residency permits to foreign nationals

By Kenneth Rijock  
PANAMA CITY, Panama:

Statistics released by Panama's immigration Agency show that over 6,000 foreign nationals, primarily from Venezuela and Colombia, have received residency papers, as of June 10, 2015, in exchange for a reported \$1million fee.

It seems that the cash-strapped government of Panama is accepting cash, in US dollars, and is not asking the applicants to show either source of funds, or prove that they are engaged in a lawful occupation.

Of the 6,320 applications approved, 1,910 came from Venezuelan nationals; 948 from Colombia. That's over 45% of the total. Given that US dollars are next to impossible to obtain in Venezuela, due to strict currency controls, and the crashing Bolivar, there is a presumption that the cash is coming from illegal activity, principally drug trafficking; the situation is much the same in Colombia.

Reliable sources in Panama explain that the residency program is not advertised abroad, and a number of individuals with questionable backgrounds are now lawful permanent residents of Panama.

## Internet experts meet to improve Caribbean networks

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados:

The first-ever Caribbean Peering and Internet Connection Forum (CarPIF) successfully concluded with commitments from Internet companies Akamai Technologies and Google to pay closer attention to the needs of Caribbean Internet service providers and consumers.

More than 40 regional and international technology experts met in Barbados on May 27 and 28 to discuss strategies for improving the economics and technical efficiency of Internet content delivery in the Caribbean.

The meeting, organised by the Caribbean Network Operators Group (CaribNOG), explored the state of Caribbean Internet infrastructure, the impact of local Internet exchange point (IXP) deployment in the region, and practical steps for improving the quality and cost-effectiveness of Internet service across the region.

The gathering was supported by two non-profit Internet organisations, Packet

Clearing House (PCH) and the Internet Society (ISOC), along with the Caribbean Telecommunications Union.

It attracted Internet service providers, including Cable & Wireless and Columbus Networks, as well as telecommunications regulators and IXP operators from across the Caribbean. International participants included the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN) and the Internet Registry for Latin America and the Caribbean (LACNIC), search-engine giant Google, and Akamai, the world's largest content delivery network provider.

"The success of the region's first peer-ing forum is testament to the increasing maturity of the Caribbean Internet community, and the increasing regard for that community by international players in the Internet space," said Bevil Wooding, internet strategist with PCH and a main organiser of the event.

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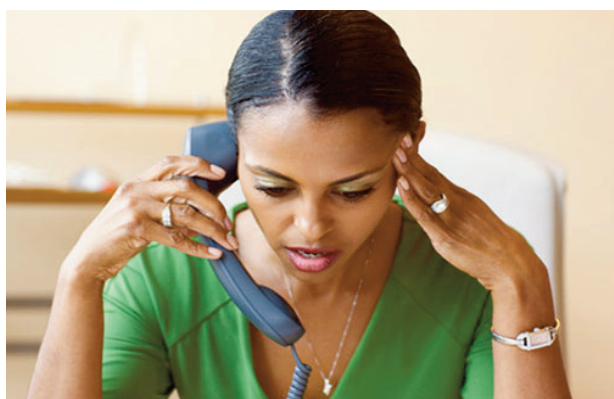
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## LEGAL AFFAIRS

# The Feds Could Monitor Your Phone Records

By Kelsey D. Atherton

Recently the Associated Press reported that the U.S. Department of Justice used subpoenas to collect telephone calling records for many of their journalists and editors. In doing so, the AP brought light to an interesting crisis at the nexus between secrecy, privacy, constitutional boundaries, and modern technology.



The relevant law for wiretapping phone communications dates back to a 1979 Supreme Court decision, which said there is a distinction in privacy between dialing a number and listening to a call; the Supreme Court narrowly limited protection to the latter.

The backstory: Last year, the AP ran an article about an al-Qaeda underwear bomb plot that relied on sensitive information given to the news service by an undisclosed source. The Department of Justice considers leaking classified information to be a national security risk. When someone leaks to the press, the department's policy is to pursue the leak, not the journalists who extracted it.

Which is why the Justice Department went after the AP's phone records. A list of numbers dialed by editors and journalists is in theory a good place to start looking. Under current wiretap law, dialed numbers are not afforded the same protection as calls, and can be obtained without a warrant.

Here's the problem. When the Supreme Court set the legal precedent back in 1979, phone records contained much less

information. Nowadays, a phone record's metadata includes not just the phone number, but the time the call took place, the call origin, the call duration, and the carrier.

The Electronic Frontier Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to the protection of digital rights, said in a statement released yesterday that it "no longer makes sense to treat calling records and other metadata related to our communications as if they aren't fully protected by the Constitution."

Electronic communications have improved drastically since the legal precedent was set, and the amount of revealing data now transferred with a phone call is far greater than just a telephone number. But the law has yet to catch up with technology—which means the Justice Department has access to a lot more than just the numbers dialed by the AP's journalists.



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# SPORTS



## US WOMEN'S WORLD CUP CHAMPION:

The United States Women's National Team celebrates after winning the 2015 Women's World Cup Championship World Cup title against Japan 5-2 in a thrilling game in Vancouver, British Columbia. This was an historic third championship for the Women's Soccer team and first since 1999 at the Rose Bowl when Mia Hamm and Brandi Chastain became international superstars.

## Master's Legend Over 40 Soccer Tournament set for July 10-Aug 28

The Masters Legend over 40 Soccer Tournament is comprising of pass professional and semi-professional players over the age of 40, who still participates in the number one sports of the world.

This tournament encourages family, fit and healthy life style for men over the age of 40. It brings comradery and excitement for all to see.

The event will start from July 10 through to August 28, 2015 on Friday nights only, at Evander Child Stadia -800 E Gunhill Road Bronx NY 10467. The game times are from 7:30pm to 10:30pm, food and refreshment on sale all night.

Xoom Soccer has been in operation for over 5 years; the company has put on family fun day events in the pass and started the Master Legend Tournament from 2013.

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## Austin strikes for Boyz in victory over Canada

HOUSTON, Texas:

Jamaica's Reggae Boyz turned up the heat on Canada in a late flourish to snatch the winner in their Group B CONCACAF Gold Cup encounter on a hot Texas evening at the BBVA Compass Stadium here last week.

Captain Rodolph Austin, named man-of-the-match in Jamaica's previous 2-2 draw with Costa Rica on Wednesday, popped up in the box to head home a pinpoint, right-sided cross from Reading FC's Garath McCleary.

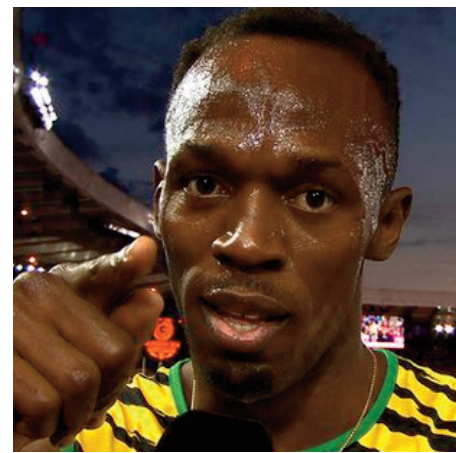
Jamaica now move to four points and on the cusp of qualifying for the quarter-finals, but they will have to await the outcome of the Central America derby between Costa Rica and El Salvador, due for a late kick-off last night, to know where they truly stand in the group. Both Costa Rica and El Salvador were on one point each prior to their game.

## Bolt to compete at London Games

Usain Bolt is to compete at the London Anniversary Games. The Jamaica's two-time Olympic 100m and 200m champion has struggled with injury this year but will return for the event at the Olympic Stadium from 24-26 July.

Bolt, 28, has run just five times this season, clocking a 100m best of 10.12 seconds in April.

Justin Gatlin, Asafa Powell and Tyson Gay have all run faster, with American Gatlin leading the field with a season best of 9.74 seconds.



Bolt, who holds the 100m and 200m world records, is an eight-time world champion and has won six Olympic gold medals in his career, three of which came in London in 2012.

"I have great memories of competing in the Olympic Stadium in the summer of 2012 and in the previous Grand Prix meets in London," he said.

"The British fans are always great and I expect there will also be a lot of Jamaican fans. It will be amazing to put on another show for them on the Friday night."

## Gatlin beats Powell and Gay

Diamond League:

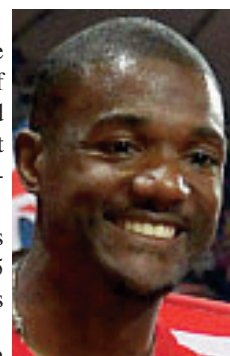
American Justin Gatlin ran the joint second-fastest time of 2015 to beat Asafa Powell and Tyson Gay in the men's 100m at the Diamond League in Lausanne.

The 33-year-old, who has served two doping bans, ran 9.75 seconds before next month's World Championships.

Powell and Gay both ran 9.92 seconds, while Usain Bolt was out injured, although the Olympic champion plans to defend his world title in Beijing.

Gatlin's countryman Gay and Jamaican Powell have also failed drug tests.

Gay, 32, served a one-year ban after



GATLIN

testing positive for a banned anabolic steroid in 2013, while Powell, 32, served a six-month ban after testing positive for a banned stimulant in 2013.

Gatlin, who set the best 100m time of the year with 9.74 seconds in May, had an eight-year suspension halved to four years after testing positive for testosterone in 2006, five years after first failing a drugs test in 2001.

"I love this track," he said. "Last year I ran 9.79 seconds, and this year there was more competition."

"It's always good to face the best - it's like a heavyweight boxing match. That's what I want to do."

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Top Entertainers for 'JAMDUNG' Picnic & Concert

By Ronnie Tomlinson  
Contributing Writer

As the momentum surrounding the 1st Annual 'JAMDUNG' Picnic & Concert grows, the organizers decide to share the artist line up today with the public & media.

"I am actually looking forward to 'JAMDUNG' I see it as a fun day for me and the family. I am always looking for something that I can enjoy with my kids and this seems to be perfect. There are activities for the children, for the adults, its a real family atmosphere. So to hear that artists will be added is just an added bonus" says Toya Watkins of Eastchester, Bronx

On Sunday August 30th along with the arts and crafts area, domino tournament, games, face painting for kids and patty eating contest the scheduled entertainment line up is amazing.

Added to 'JAMDUNG' is reggae/dancehall digicel ambassador I-Octane, dancehall female performer of the year Spice, ambassador to Stag Beer Ding Dong, rising new reggae-pop sensation K'Coneil and Tilibop. To top off the entertainment comedians extraordinaire "Ity and Fancy Cat" will host the concert segment as well as provide a comedic performance for family and friends guaranteeing straight laughter.

"It was very important to put together a line up that was family oriented, a line up that would entertain all ages and provide a moment where everyone relieve all their stress even for 60 minutes" says Platinum Kids.



What better way to end the summer than with family, friends, good music and plain ole fun. 'JAMDUNG' is a term known to many West Indians as a moment when you just let your hair down, put all the stress to the side, have fun and just enjoy life.

Well that is exactly what will take place at Brush Park, located at 598 Union Avenue Mount Vernon NY. 'JAMDUNG' presents their first annual picnic and concert, which will be a family fun day. With activities, games, arts and craft for the kids, the adults

will not feel left out. Their is a scheduled patty eating contest, domino tournament, food and the most important element of a 'JAMDUNG', music and entertainment to go with the theme.

Gates open at 12 Noon and children under 4ft are free with an accompanied adult. Tickets are currently on sale at 29.99 per person. To purchase tickets you can contact 917 - 981-7152 or log onto [www.jamdungpicnic.com](http://www.jamdungpicnic.com) for more information.



### Straight Black Pride Movement hosting press conference

The Straight Black Pride Movement - SBPM will be hosting a Black Community Press Conference outside in front of the National Black Theatre in Harlem on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 @ 6:00pm EDT.

This is in response to the direct attack by the LGBTQ community on the heterosexual Black community's right to gather for peaceful assembly.

All Black-owned media are welcomed to attend and cover the event. Professor James Small, among many others, will be one of the esteemed speakers in attendance.

We will not allow the National Black Theatre to back down because of pressure from the LGBTQ community and throw the heterosexual Black community under the bus! Spread the word that the Black heterosexual community is here to stay and we will not back down to the LGBTQ Pink Mafia.

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Former Jamaican-born US Marine and reggae artist Walker T poses with E-Dee, the dancehall celebrity star of the hit Jamaican movie "Out The Gate," on the new roots single "Level Dem" check out the music video on youtube and facebook.

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# Cultural Extravaganza & Loads of Fun at Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival

## QUEENS:

A cultural extravaganza to dial up the fun is what organizers have planned for the 5th Annual Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival NY on Sunday, July 19, 2015 at Roy Wilkins Park, Queens, New York.

The popular Western Union Cultural Stage, with the multi-talented MC Sherry Morgan, promise loads of fun for adults and kids alike as fans feast on their favorite jerk cuisine.

"When you say 'fun' you probably think back to your childhood, your youth -- so we will be featuring a lot of nostalgic performances on the Western Union Cultural Stage this year," says Cultural Stages Coordinator Bridget Edwards.

Patrons arriving early will be greeted by the vibrant and colorful Akousa Living Legend Afrikan Drum And Dance Troupe, entertaining at the entrance as they direct attendees to activities on the Cultural Stage which is scheduled to take place from the gates open at noon to 2:30 p.m.

There will be something for everyone, from Miss Lou style poetry by Florida-based fan favorite Dr Sue, to dramatic book readings by writer and film maker Judith Faloon-Reid. Singer Cheryl Spence will have everyone singing along to their favorite Caribbean Folk Songs and the Riddim Driven Fashion show will feature easy to wear garments with progressive styling reflecting the Jamaican lifestyle and culture. The cultural excitement will peak when the Konekt Dat Band performs an eclectic Caribbean-infused set, connecting hearts and people through great music and positive vibes. But the fun won't be restricted to the stages. The organizers have planned some "pop up performances as entertainers will be roaming the park and randomly making stops to entertain patrons with comedy,



Cheryl Spence



Dr Sue

drumming, poetry and drama. So wherever you are, you can be sure the fun is coming to you!

"We know folks get comfortable and find a seat until the Main Stage starts, but we would like them to know that we present outstanding performances on the Western Union Cultural Stage, so please come early, bring the kids, bring auntie, grandma and grandpa and expect to have lots of fun," stated Edwards.

Advanced tickets to the Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival NY are available on line at

www.jerkfestivalNY.com or at selected retail outlets in the tri-state area. Raddison Hotel JFK is the official festival hotel offering discounted rates to festival attendees visiting New York.

The 5th Annual Grace Jamaican Jerk Festival New York is presented by Jamaican Jerk Festival USA, Inc., in association with VP Records. Sponsors are Grace Foods, Western Union, Continental Bakery, Vitamalt, Gleaner, Power 106, Street Hype Newspaper, Randy's Radio and Tower Isle Patties.

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### BROOKLYN:

Council Member Mathieu Eugene, the Chairman of the Youth Services Committee and an advocate of the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), is thrilled to announce that the SYEP has been expanded to include approximately 50,000 jobs for students this summer, in addition to the establishment of a new program that will create 6,000 year-round jobs for young adults.

A long-time advocate for youth, Council Member Mathieu Eugene recently led a rally with the Campaign for Children and other youth advocates calling for the restoration of millions of dollars of funding for after-school summer programs, ultimately saving slots for 34,000 children. Council Member Eugene, in partnership with Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, also expanded the SYEP last year.

A total of \$21 million was allocated for the SYEP job initiative and \$12 million was designated for the year-round job program for young adults.

"The expansion of the Summer Youth Employment Program and the creation of a year-round job program for young adults are two of my proudest achievements," said Council Member Mathieu Eugene. "We must invest in our youth now if we want to ensure they have successful futures. Too often, we see our young people engaged in violence and we wonder how we can stop the negativity — but the key is to intervene early with positive opportunities."

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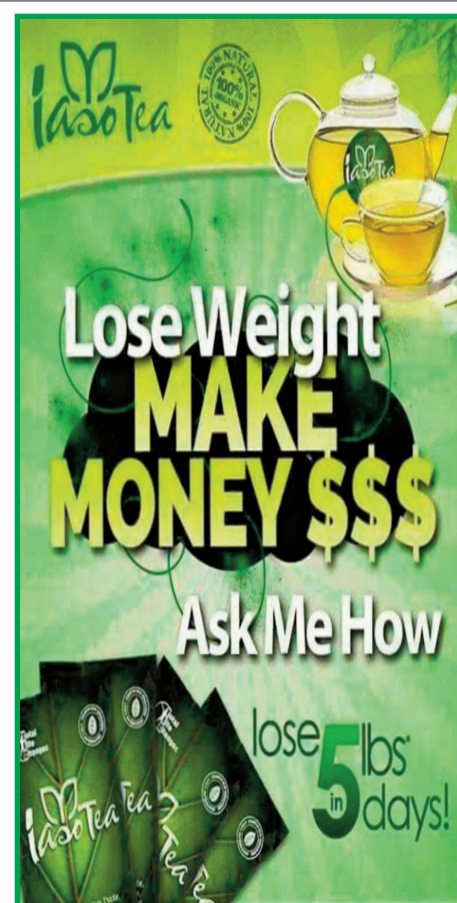
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Dancehall artiste Spice (c) poses with her models



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## Spice launches 'needle eye'

KINGSTON, Jamaica:

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The line which features t-shirts and underwear with the phrase is being distributed for free to promote the new single. However, Spice

says in a few weeks the free promotion will end and the clothing will go on sale.

"I'll be giving away the clothes for free for the entire summer. As you know, I just released a new single called Needle Eye and I've been in the streets promoting it. So far my female fans are already going crazy for the line," says Spice whose real name is Grace Hamilton.

The entrepreneur who also owns the clothing store Spicey Couture, says fans as far as

Kenya and Europe have requested the hot new clothing.

"The fans will be able to get the "Needle Eye" clothing and a lot more items on my website [www.spiceycouture.com](http://www.spiceycouture.com) starting in September. So far my Instagram and Facebook pages are being flooded with requests for me to ship the clothes and I really appreciate the love and support of the fans who know they have the 'needle eye'," says a humorous Spice.



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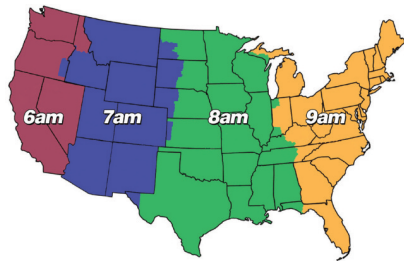


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## Laser Hair Removal for Men

Laser hair removal is our topic of the moment and Groupon and most of the major deal companies are offering great deals for laser hair removal treatments to men and women. Let us find out what it is all about and what is laser hair removal? Part 2: Electrolysis.

I had an opportunity to spend time with Jennifer Richardson a licensed Esthetician and Laser Tech. Jennifer has been in the industry for more than 15 years. Jennifer is the owner of Vanish Laser in midtown Manhattan. In the interview Jennifer gave me key points which my readers will find quite informative.

First let us define what is Laser Treatment? Laser hair removal treatments are an FDA approved method for permanent hair reduction, but not permanent hair removal. The client must have multiple treatments for best results.

The process involves using a hand-held laser device which the tech applies to the client's skin. The pulse light on the client's skin seek out dark pigment (color) of hair, and impairs the hair follicle. Meaning light and dark. Note the hair begins to fall out within many days after treatment, on average within (10 – 14). Note hair does grow back this is not permanent hair removal.

Laser treatment per Jennifer "skin type determines the appropriate laser settings." As you may not be aware there is laser setting for white skin and laser setting for black skin. I had to get clarity as to why there are different types of setting and this is due to the amount of melanin in the skin. The higher the melanin the higher the propensity for burns and therefore the treatment must be tailored according to the client, skin type and skin hue.

Subsequently, as it is now summer the challenge of skincare for the client is protection. So in line with hair removal and after care for the client; "making sure the client understands the procedure is key. It is extremely im-

portant to inform the client prior to the session about guidelines and expectations of the service and you must also obtain their signed consent."

As we continued the interview I asked Jennifer about her client base and most interestingly she revealed "About 50% of my clientele are men. They lean towards full back or full body treatment, whereas women are more area specific."



Laser treatment and burns, during the interview I mentioned to Jennifer I had a call from a woman who was burned during laser treatment and had to go to the emergency room for treatment. Jennifer expressed the side effects of laser, "Unfortunately, in spite of providing post care documentation and protocol, some individuals are rather lax in their at-home care or don't fully understand what the area can look like after treatment until they see the treated area days after."

However, burns can happen if the settings are incorrect or the client isn't forthcoming with skin issues or flair ups and just want the treatment. Those scenarios happen. That's why I stress the importance of talking to your client prior to each session and inspecting the area before beginning treatment."

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Why is it always a double standard? Men like strong women until they are with one. Then they can't handle it. Maybe I'm too much for the men where I live. Is it possible for me to find someone?

-Independent Female, Charleston, SC

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-Lonely Spouse in New York

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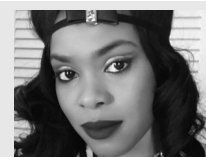
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I have been HIV since 1992 and I have been smoking marijuana since the 1960s. I was president of an HIV/AIDS organization during the late 90s called Black and Latino AIDS Coalition, Inc.

Marijuana has always been a part of the treatment protocol of many people living with HIV. As a matter of fact, Medical marijuana is prescribed to treat pain, debilitating weight loss and appetite suppression, side effects that are common in advanced AIDS.

Did the pot prolong our health? I've always thought it did. And many long term AIDS Survivors credit marijuana for there long lives. However, the personal opinions of dozens of HIV positive people do not equal scientific findings. Indeed, the evidence of marijuana HIV fighting abilities is anecdotal evidence at best.

That is where I've left the argument until several years ago I became President of New York State Committee to Legalize Marijuana. The medical value of marijuana in the treatment of AIDS has become an important issue again.

Dana Beal, the oldest living advocate pushing for legalizing marijuana in America, has been saying that marijuana does slow the progression of HIV. He has an article citing the technical facts of the experts that concludes marijuana does slow progression of HIV. I decided to do some research and my findings were very interesting.

According to the same 2014 study cited by Dana, Louisiana State University said smoking marijuana may help slow the spread of HIV. I'm not going to go over the technical jargon.

But in layman terms, the researchers found that by administering marijuana to monkeys over the course of 17 months, they could halt the damaging effects of HIV. In other words, the scientists suggest that the active ingredient in marijuana i.e.

THC may slow the progression of the HIV virus enough in some people to prevent it from ever turning into AIDS. But we're not monkeys. So what does this mean to humans with HIV? That's a good question. Monkeys are infected with SIV as oppose to HIV.

By  
**DENNIS  
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The way marijuana acts on monkeys with SIV may be different than the way marijuana acts on humans with HIV. Furthermore, the injection of a certain type of THC is not the same as smoking a joint. But, don't feel dismayed, there is another older study that is more promising to me.

March 20, 2012 Mount Sinai School of Medicine researchers discovered that marijuana-like chemicals trigger receptors on human immune cells that can directly inhibit a type of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) found in late-stage AIDS.

The findings are published online in the journal Plus One. The study author Christina Costantino, PHD said that cannabinoid drugs like marijuana can have a therapeutic effect in AIDS patients. But they did not understand how marijuana influences the spread of the virus itself. Keep in mind, these were results from humans not monkeys. These studies made me wonder why more research isn't being done on the therapeutic effect of marijuana on HIV? The answer is simple.

Although medicinal marijuana is now legal in 23 states and the District of Columbia, the federal government still considers marijuana an illegal dangerous drug and the Drug Enforcement Administration still maintains cannabis has "no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse. That means no money for research.

Just this month, 18 members of Congress sent President Barack Obama a letter asking him to take executive action to reclassify marijuana. They want it taken off schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act. Schedule 1 is a category with dangerous drugs such as cocaine, heroin, or methamphetamine.

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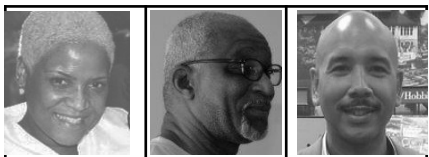
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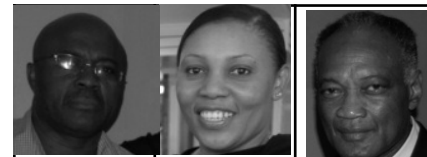
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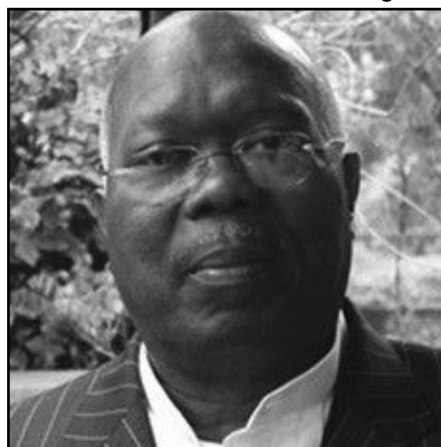
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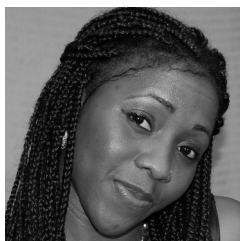


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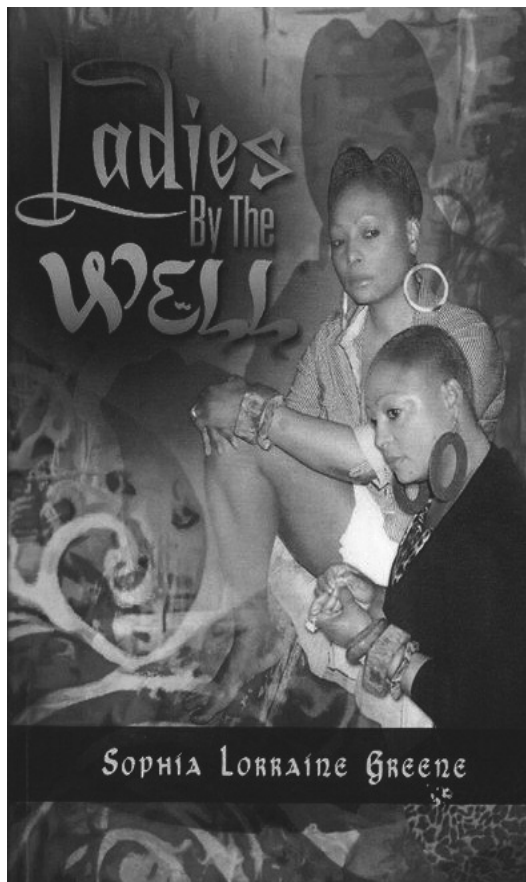
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Ladies By The Well is for all females who are thirsty for love, marriage, children, peace, and financial security.

About the Author:

Sophia Lorraine Greene currently works for the New York City Transit Authority and is also certified as a foster mother who works with children in the system who are waiting to be reconciled with their parents. She is a motivational speaker who occasionally speaks at gifted schools to students in need of guidance. She resides in Brooklyn and is a single mother of two wonderful children.



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